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VIRTUAL TRADE FINANCIAL  
ENVIRONMENT

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**PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION  
OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(A))**

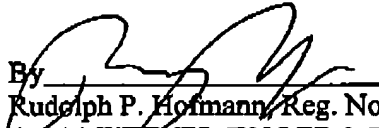
Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time to respond to the Office  
Action dated December 7, 2004. The original time for response was set to expire March 4, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the large entity fee of \$120.00 and any  
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Respectfully submitted,

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